

## THE BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION *by Peggy Misch*



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The Brandy Station Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) all-volunteer community organization dedicated to preserving the natural and historic resources of the Brandy Station area of Culpeper County. The BSF relies on tax-deductible donations and volunteers to meet its goals. While our focus is toward the Civil War history of the Brandy Station vicinity, our efforts are not limited to that time period or by any geographic boundaries.

The Foundation website is [www.brandystationfoundation.com](http://www.brandystationfoundation.com).

The Board of the Brandy Station Foundation is so grateful to all those who have donated to help with the restoration and maintenance work at the Graffiti House. In 2021, the interior of the Graffiti House was repainted, new windows were installed for most of the house, and new gutters were installed. Please plan to visit the Graffiti House this spring!

The Brandy Station Foundation is a member of The Friends of Culpeper Battlefields—a coalition supporting battlefield-focused preservation, stewardship, and heritage tourism across the historic Culpeper region. The group supports a new state park in Culpeper County which would showcase our history, increase tourism, and promote outdoor recreation.

### GRAFFITI HOUSE TOURS

The Brandy Station Foundation operates the Graffiti House, which contains Civil War graffiti and a Museum, at 19484 Brandy Road in Brandy Station. The Graffiti House is a two-story frame structure built in 1858. We like to say that its walls “talk” ; they contain inscriptions, drawings, messages, and signatures of both Union and Confederate soldiers, hence the name “Graffiti House.” Check the website for spring tour availability, hours, and masking policy. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

### BRANDY STATION BATTLEFIELD TOURS

Tours of the Brandy Station Battlefield are being scheduled year round with an advance reservation time of five days. Sections of the Battlefield to be toured will be based on visitors’ requests. The Battle of Brandy Station on June 9, 1863, also called the Battle of Fleetwood Hill, was the largest predominantly cavalry engagement of the American Civil War. Tour duration is two to four hours. Cost of tours is \$30 per hour, with all proceeds going to the work of the Brandy Station Foundation.

To schedule a tour, please contact the Foundation at 540-727-7718 or by emailing [bsfgh1863@gmail.com](mailto:bsfgh1863@gmail.com). As of January, 2022, for the protection of both our visitors and volunteers, masks are required.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Please check the BSF website for these and other upcoming events: Park Day, April 9th; BSF Annual Meeting & Dinner at the Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department Hall, April 30, 2022.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

To volunteer or for more information please check the Volunteer tab on the Brandy Station Foundation website.



Graffiti—a BSF tour guide explains a section of graffiti on the wall of the Graffiti House

## Culpeper County Public Schools CCPS and CPI Work Together to “Grow our Own” Teachers *by Laura M. Hoover*



TEACHERS  
FOR TOMORROW

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Across the nation and locally, we have been experiencing a teacher shortage for many years. Special Education, elementary, and middle school teachers have been at the top of the Virginia Department of Education’s Critical Shortage Teaching Endorsement Areas for the last ten years ([https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/workforce\\_data/index.shtml](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/workforce_data/index.shtml)). The COVID-19 pandemic has further exacerbated the shortage. One way that Culpeper County Public Schools (CCPS) is addressing this important issue is through the Teachers for Tomorrow (T4T) program.

Through a partnership with Career Partners, Inc. (CPI), CCPS offers the Teachers for Tomorrow (T4T) program. This is a state approved program that aims to help Virginia school divisions to “Grow their Own Educators”. In addition to receiving high school credit, students are dual enrolled at Shenandoah University and receive up to six college credits for their coursework. CPI pays 100% of the college tuition for CCPS T4T students. Their investment in this program removes a potential financial barrier for students who want to explore careers in education.

The CCPS Teachers for Tomorrow program, taught by Cathy Zanella, gives students an opportunity to build a foundation for teaching. It gives students an opportunity to prepare for careers in education as they research postsecondary options, learn about the process of teacher certification in Virginia, and participate in field experiences at our elementary and middle schools. Ms. Zanella shared that the program “is an excellent opportunity for our students to explore the field of education and work within our elementary and middle schools.”

Currently, two T4T and EVHS graduates, Sylvia Lucero-Dyson and Dayshawanna Norton, are working for CCPS as paraprofessionals at Pearl Sample and Sycamore Park Elementary. Both are working towards their degrees in education while working full time for CCPS. Sylvia and Dayshawanna are living examples of the Teachers for Tomorrow program achieving its main goal of bringing young people into the field of education.

### Meet Sylvia Lucero-Dyson - Paraprofessional at Pearl Sample Elementary School

Sylvia Lucero-Dyson is a 2019 graduate of Eastern View High School (EVHS). Sylvia went to Farmington Elementary School, Floyd T. Binns Middle School, and EVHS. She completed the Teachers for Tomorrow (T4T) program in high school. In addition to working full time at Pearl Sample Elementary, Sylvia is currently a full time student at Mary Baldwin University working towards her degree in early elementary education and special education.

Sylvia said that she always thought that she wanted to be a teacher, but the Teachers for Tomorrow program affirmed the decision. When asked what advice she would give current high school T4T students, she said that she encouraged them to “be interactive with the kids. Help them...they love it.” She also said that she would tell them to “ask questions” She continued that when she was a high school student, she “observed, but didn’t ask a lot of questions.”

This fall, Sylvia started working full time as a special education paraprofessional at Pearl Sample Elementary School. Sylvia says that working at Pearl Sample has further affirmed her desire to become a teacher. Before the 2021-2022 school year, Sylvia decided to apply for the job with CCPS because she heard that there was a need in the schools. While she says that this job does not pay as much as her former job, she said, “I find this more fulfilling. I love this job.”



Sylvia explained that Ms. Zanella continues to encourage her even after high school graduation. Sylvia said that she talked with Ms. Zanella about the job opportunity at Pearl Sample, and Ms. Zanella helped her navigate the application process. She said, “I don’t think I’d be in CCPS without [Ms.] Zanella’s help. She’s helped me so much. I love her so much.”





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## Teachers for Tomorrow (T4T) Meet Dayshawna Norton - Paraprofessional at Sycamore Park Elementary School

Dayshawna Norton is also a 2019 graduate of Eastern View High School. She attended Culpeper County Public Schools for her entire K-12 career including Pearl Sample Elementary School for kindergarten and first grade, A.G. Richardson Elementary School for 2nd-5th grade, Floyd T Binns Middle School and Eastern View High School.

Dayshawna is currently working towards a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education at Liberty University with an expected graduation date of 2023. After obtaining her degree, her goal is to become a Kindergarten or 3rd grade teacher.

Dayshawna shared, "I have had my heart set on being a teacher since I was in 2nd grade. At that time I only had two teachers but they were my role models. They are the reason I want to be a teacher." She also said that the Teachers for Tomorrow program helped her on her path to becoming a teacher. "Being in the Teachers for Tomorrow Program gave me the hands-on experience I felt I needed. To be in the actual classroom setting, basically as a teacher, with real teachers, felt amazing," she said. When she was in the program, she remembers, "the teachers gave us students in the program so many opportunities and hands-on experience. I am so grateful for that."

Dayshawna has been a paraeducator at Sycamore Park Elementary School since August 2021. She says, "Being a paraeducator has only made me want to be a teacher even more. My coworkers are one big welcoming family. Here, we all support and push each other. They give me motivation every day to continue my goal of becoming a teacher!"



When asked what she would say to current T4T students, Dayshawna said, "My advice to students taking the Teachers for Tomorrow program is to take advantage of every opportunity the teachers you are working with give you. Pay attention to what they do and how they do it, this helps you learn some of the classroom structure, as well as gives you an idea of what you may want to do in your future classroom! The opportunities and watching the teachers really helped me become the day-care teacher [and] paraeducator I am today."

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## 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Cristy Mosley, Extension Agent, 4-H  
JoAnna Kilby, Program Assistant, 4-H

**4-H: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health**



If you have any questions about 4-H or would like to join or volunteer, as volunteers are always welcomed, please contact, Cristy Mosley, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development ([cmosley1@vt.edu](mailto:cmosley1@vt.edu)) or JoAnna Kilby, Program Assistant, 4-H Youth Development ([jlclark@vt.edu](mailto:jlclark@vt.edu)) or at (540) 727-3435.



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Ashley Appling, Extension Agent, ANR-Horticulture



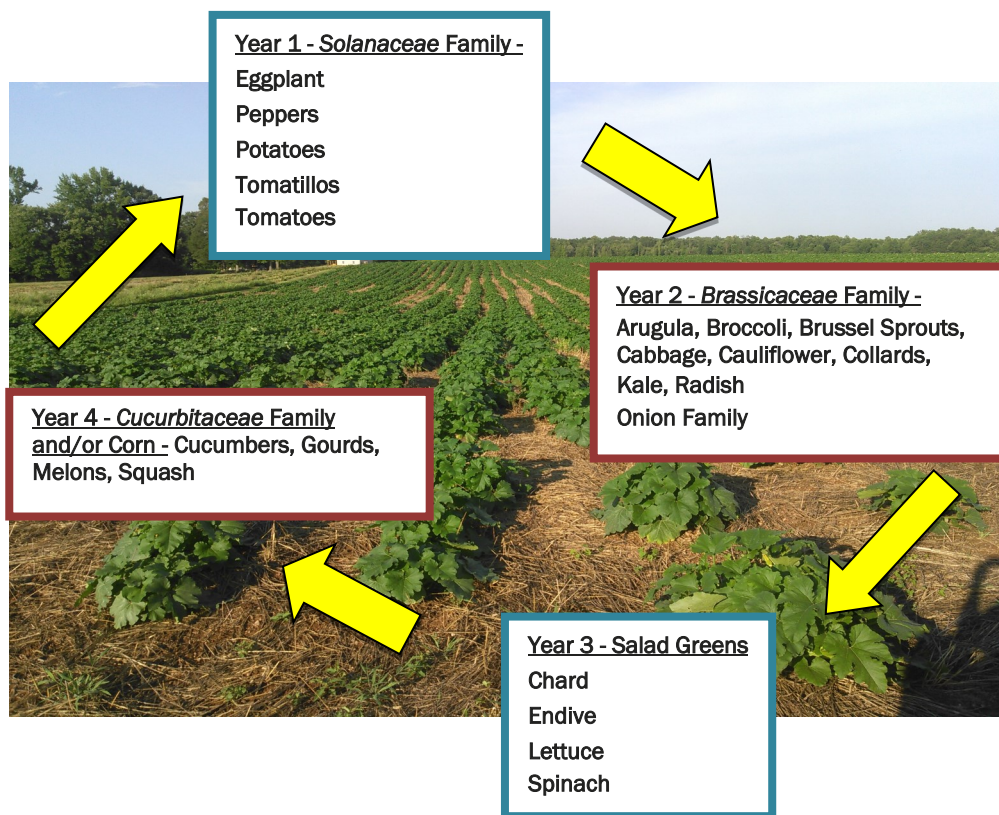
Vegetable garden receiving the correct amount of sunlight. Photo by Brenda Watkevich, Virginia Cooperative Extension - Culpeper

### Vegetable Garden Location

Location, location, location is just as important in regards to the vegetable garden as it is in the world of real estate. How much sunlight reaches your plants, throughout the day, is the leading factor contributing to location considerations. Lettuce and other leafy greens require at least six hours of direct sunlight each day in order to develop properly. Fruiting vegetables such as eggplant, peppers, squash, and tomatoes need eight to ten hours of direct sunlight to produce high quality fruit. Drainage is another important consideration in regards to location. The vegetable garden should not have standing water and should drain

quickly after rainstorms. An easy way to check soil drainage is by digging a one-foot-by-one-foot hole. Fill that hole to the top with water and let it drain overnight. The next day fill the hole with water a second time and keep track of how long it takes to drain. Well-draining soil will drain within 30 minutes. Marginally drained soil will take about an hour. Poorly draining soil might take several hours. Incorporating organic matter and building raised beds can alleviate poor draining soils.

### Four-Year Crop Rotation Plan:



## AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES (ANR)

Carl Stafford, Senior Extension Agent, ANR

**Livestock Forages**—Forage-livestock producers face significant challenges with pasture management this spring given the soil disturbance that has occurred with the excessive precipitation. This challenge may actually be an opportunity to renovate or restore pastures to a more productive state. Read on for some tips on this wide spread condition across the Northern Piedmont area of Virginia.

While pugging and soil compaction can result in poor pasture productivity, damage due to livestock treading is usually limited to the top 6" of soil. In all but very sandy soils, this compaction will be reversed after a number of freeze/thaw cycles. Dragging or light disking may help smooth a rough soil surface, but tillage is generally not advisable as a way to reduce compaction. Studies of aeration generally show that practice to be of little benefit.

In severely compacted soil, a ripper/cultivator may help break up the compacted layers without inverting the soil. However, such disturbance should be done when the soils have dried out, and it appears it may be some time before that happens. So, ripping is not an advisable practice for best compaction changing results when the soil is moist.

Pastures with significant, widespread damage and stand loss may be a target for complete renovation. In that case, it may be best to get as much grazing out of the pasture as possible this spring before seed heads develop. These sites should then be killed and planted with a summer annual such as millet or a sorghum sudan hybrid by June. Where compaction is an issue, producers may want to plant more complex mixtures that include tillage radish to help break up compacted layers.

Incorporating summer annuals will allow producers to have forage for summer grazing or conserved feed, and these areas would then be planted with novel fescue in late summer/early fall. While this strategy may incur significant cost, having limited forage production due to broad scale damage will also be expensive. Be on the lookout for a revised Extension publication on warm season annuals production and management, in the works and will be available soon.

If stands/soils are not greatly damaged, one could broadcast red and white clover. These species should "take" well in hoof prints, and light grazing as manageable will improve seed-soil contact.

For pastures with intense damage in limited areas – particularly around feed bunks or hay rings, another option would be to spread crabgrass then use a light drag to smooth out the area. "Healing" these sites with desirable forages is important for greater productivity and to minimize weed encroachment. David Fiske used this practice to good effect at SVAREC, as described in the Spring version of the Virginia Forager. More information on crabgrass may be found here: <https://hayandforage.com/article-1813-crabgrass-%E2%80%94turning-a-weed-into-forage.html>

Contact your local Extension Agent for help in making a good choice for your situation as you attempt to solve this tough hand nature has given us on our Virginia farms. Virginia Cooperative Extension Forage Specialists Dr John Fike and Dr Gabe Pent are significant contributors to this article.



AGING TOGETHER IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION CREATED OVER 20 YEARS AGO IN RESPONSE TO THE STEADILY INCREASING DEMOGRAPHIC OF OLDER ADULTS IN OUR FIVE-COUNTY REGION. IT MAINTAINS AND SUPPORTS A BROAD PARTNERSHIP OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO COLLABORATE TO EVOLVE THE FUNDAMENTAL VISION OF AGING TOGETHER, WHICH IS AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES THAT ACTIVELY ENGAGE, VALUE AND SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS.

REGIONAL RESOURCE GUIDE FOR OLDER ADULTS

## Regional Resource Guide for **OLDER ADULTS**

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adults, their families, &  
caregivers. Distributed  
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## Culpeper Wellness Foundation—Parkinson's Disease Support Group at Powell Wellness Center *by Karen Boushie*

Building on the community formed by participants in Powell Wellness Center's Rock Steady Boxing (RSB) program combating Parkinson's disease, the Wellness Center recently partnered with the Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The Support Group represents community members who live in Culpeper, Orange and Madison counties. Powell Wellness Center (PWC), managed by the Culpeper Wellness Foundation, is a medically integrated fitness center focusing on health risk reduction, and disease prevention and management.

"As we enter our second year of offering the RSB program, we're pleased to now have the Parkinson's Disease Support Group as a resource. The group offers our RSB students another avenue to continue informing themselves about the disease," said Whitney Propps, the medical program leader at PWC. "New members to the support group will be better able to understand our RSB program and perhaps consider it as an option to help mitigate the progression of Parkinson's."

Support group facilitator Virginia Stanley, initially launched the group at Dogwood Village in Orange, and prior to the pandemic, the participants numbered around 30. The pandemic presented a challenge to meetings, which shifted online temporarily. Now back to facilitating in-person meetings, Stanley said, "We're thrilled to have the support of PWC in providing an accessible meeting space. Currently we're welcoming about a dozen individuals and caregivers to our sessions. More are welcome!"

She added, "Our meetings are informal and address the needs of individuals and caregivers facing the impact of Parkinson's disease. We welcome speakers to our meetings. In fact, at a recent meeting a psychologist spoke about depression with Parkinson's, followed by members sharing their experiences and the importance of exercise, in particular, in combating it. The benefit of our group is the exchange of experiences and information. Someone will share a challenge, and someone else may respond with a solution that worked for them. Our group provides a community in which participants support one another and check in with each other." Stanley maintains an email chain to inform participants about additional resources available. She identified the American Parkinson's Disease Association, the Michael J. Fox Foundation and the Davis Phinney Foundation as helpful online resources.



Powell Wellness Center  
is hosting a support group and fitness program  
for individuals with Parkinson's disease.

To learn more about the Parkinson's Disease Support Group, email group facilitator Virginia Stanley at [vawstanley@gmail.com](mailto:vawstanley@gmail.com).

The group meets at PWC at 1005 Golf Drive in Culpeper on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Anyone interested in participating in or volunteering with the Rock Steady Boxing program at PWC may contact PWC medical programs leader Whitney Propps, 540-445-5388 or [wpropps@culpeperwellness.org](mailto:wpropps@culpeperwellness.org). Program information is available at [powellwellnesscenter.org](http://powellwellnesscenter.org)

## State and Local Resources Collaborate to Curb the Opioid Crisis *by Diane Crawford, MPH*



Prescription opioids can be addictive and dangerous. An opioid overdose is a life-threatening medical emergency. If you think an overdose may be occurring, it is important to act quickly to save a life. Call 911 immediately. Training on how to respond to an overdose and free Narcan are available through the local health department and through Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services (RRCS).

Overdose is not the only risk related to prescription opioids. Misuse, abuse, and opioid use disorder (addiction) are also potential dangers. Curb the Crisis is a collaboration between five Virginia state agencies including the Virginia Department of Health. It aims to help build a path that leads away from Opioid Use Disorder.

Opioids are drugs known for their effective pain relieving properties. They include drugs such as Morphine or Heroin, Fentanyl, Codeine, and Oxycodone-Hydrocodone among others. Opioids are strong, and can be very addictive.

Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) occurs when someone develops a behavior of continued opioid abuse, misuse, or dependence. Some opioids, such as heroin, when injected into the body can contribute to communicable diseases such as HIV or Hepatitis C. Pregnant women who have OUD can also cause their unborn child to develop neonatal drug dependency or withdrawal symptoms, also known as Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS).

In Virginia and across the United States, there continues to be a raging opioid crisis. More Virginians die every year from overdoses than in automobile accidents. Nationally, there is an overdose death every 20 minutes.

Within the Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District, overdose deaths have also increased. Emergency department visits resulting from OUD continue to remain high. Hepatitis C infections, especially within the 18-30 year bracket, are high. It is evident that OUD is impacting our communities.

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has strategies in place to help such as data monitoring and surveillance; primary and overdose prevention; treatment, recovery and harm reduction; and provider training and education.

Locally, organizations such as the CAYA Coalition, Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services (RRCS), Culpeper Town Police, and others are teaming together to raise awareness and provide interventions. We each have a part to play in order to curb the crisis.

What can you do to help curb the crisis?

Volunteer with a local community coalition such as Come As You Are

[www.cayacoalition.org](http://www.cayacoalition.org)

or Piedmont CRUSH: Visit <https://www.mightycause.com/organization/>

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Receive REVIVE! Training: Visit [Revive Training - RRCS \(rrcsb.org\)](http://Revive Training - RRCS (rrcsb.org))

Be informed. Visit <https://curbthecrisis.com/>

Remember if you think someone is overdosing, call 911 immediately.

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### Get help to Control Runoff In Your Yard

The Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District is helping homeowners solve common runoff problems. Excess runoff can cause standing water in the yard. The resulting bare spots in your yard can lead to erosion and dirty streams. Native plants can grow anywhere to hold soil. Rain gardens soak up runoff to reduce soil loss. Rain barrels and cisterns capture runoff to reduce flooding. All these practices can add beauty to your yard. Grants are available for these and other practices.

Now is a great time to improve your yard. For more information contact the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District (540-825-8591) or Richard Jacobs at [richardj@culpeperswcd.org](mailto:richardj@culpeperswcd.org).



Rain garden with native plants



Three 300 gallon cisterns



Conservation Landscaping Meadow

## Commissioner of the Revenue Terry L. Yowell Announces

### Deputy Commissioner Susan F. Hoover - earns Master Certification

(Charlottesville, Virginia - July 01, 2021) The Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia announced that Culpeper's Deputy Commissioner of the Revenue, Susan F. Hoover, has been awarded the title Master Deputy Commissioner of the Revenue, under the Master Designation Program administered by the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service and the School of Continuing and Professional Studies. The program was developed to enhance the professionalism of local government officials and their staff and is sanctioned by the Virginia General Assembly.

The program, which takes a minimum of three years to complete, requires a combination of extensive education and governmental experience. The process is an ongoing educational experience which does not end with receipt of the Master designation. In order to maintain the Master designation, the Deputy Commissioner must satisfactorily complete a minimum number of hours in continuing education after receipt of the initial designation.

Mrs. Hoover has been with the Culpeper Commissioner's office for 5 years and serves on the Business Personal Property Assessment Team. Mrs. Hoover is also a member of the Virginia Association of Assessing Officers (VAAO) and the Virginia Association of Local Tax Auditors (VALTA).

"The Commissioner of the Revenue's Office is committed to providing excellent customer service to our taxpayers. One of the ways that we do this is through the Master Designation Program. With every course that an employee takes, we can provide the citizens of Culpeper County with the most up to date information available. Mrs. Hoover has been dedicated to furthering her education so that Culpeper County and its citizens can be assured that they are receiving the best information possible. She has proven to be a dedicated employee and a loyal citizen. Congratulations on a job well done." stated Terry Yowell, Commissioner of the Revenue.



## Commissioner of the Revenue

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**Commissioner of the Revenue**  
**Terry L. Yowell**



### **FILING DEADLINES**

There are a number of important filing deadlines for tax year 2022

Business Personal Property and Machinery & Tools	-	May 1
Military (non-Virginia resident) Leave and Earnings Statement (month of January)	-	May 1
Virginia Income Tax (2021 tax year)	-	May 1
International Fuel Tax Act (IFTA) documentation (all 4 quarters for 2021)	-	May 1

Virginia 2022 Estimated Income Tax quarterly payment vouchers:\* #1 May 1 #2 June 15 #3 September 15 #4 January 15, 2023

\* First payment is payable to the Culpeper County Treasurer but is to be delivered/sent to the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office. Any subsequent payments are payable to the Culpeper County Treasurer and are to be delivered/sent to the Treasurer's Office.

### **PERSONAL PROPERTY—WHO MUST FILE AND WHEN?**

Taxpayers who own motor vehicles, campers, boats, trailers, aircraft or manufactured homes subject to taxation by Culpeper County as of January 1st and who have previously registered such property with the Commissioner's office, are no longer required to file annually.

Taxpayers must file a new or amended personal property registration form within 60 days of when any of the following events occur:

1. New purchases, acquisitions and/or property moved into the Town/County
2. Disposition of property and/or property moved out of the Town/County\*
3. Change in name or address of the person(s) owning or leasing property
4. Change in the use of a motor vehicle from personal to business use or vice versa.
5. Any event or occurrence which causes a motor vehicle, camper, boat, trailer, aircraft or manufactured home to acquire or lose situs for taxation.
6. Any other changes affecting the assessment or levy of personal property tax on the motor vehicle, camper, boat, trailer, aircraft or manufactured home for which a return was previously filed

\* Residents are reminded that State law requires timely notification of vehicle, camper, boat, trailer, aircraft or manufactured home disposition be made to the proper registration agency. It is your responsibility to take care of these matters as a statutory tax liability may occur if sufficient documentation is not available to give proof of disposition.

Personal Property Registration forms may be obtained by contacting the Commissioner of the Revenue's office or online at [web.culpepercounty.gov](http://web.culpepercounty.gov) and click on the Commissioner of the Revenue page under Government then Constitutional Officers.

### **BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MACHINERY & TOOLS– WHEN TO FILE?**

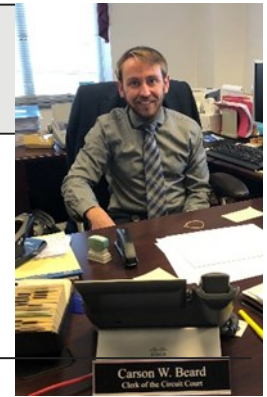
In order to avoid the late filing penalty of 10% of the tax due, owners of property employed in a trade, business or in manufacturing must report property owned and/or leased as of January 1 to the Commissioner of the Revenue by May 1.

When filing your return, you must include an itemized list of property giving the description, date acquired and the original acquisition cost. A fair and equitable assessment can only be applied if you provide the necessary information to us.

If you need help with this request, please contact me. If you need on-site assistance, please contact me. If you need my help in arriving at a fair market value because you no longer have the original acquisition information OR you converted once personal property to use in a trade or business, please contact me. If you are not sure that the good or service you provide is considered acting in a trade or business, please contact me. At any time you have any questions, please contact me.

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CULPEPER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK,  
CARSON W. BEARD



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NEWS AND UPDATES:

- The Culpeper County Circuit Court Clerk's Office is now participating in eRecording of Land Records. We currently use two companies for this purpose: Simplifile <https://simplifile.com> and CSC <https://www.erecording.com>. This allows title/recording companies to submit Land Records (Deeds, etc) online without having to come into the office to accomplish the task. We receive the documents, review, accept, and record all online. The documents are then immediately returned to the preparer.
- The Library of Virginia announced that the Circuit Court Records Preservation (CCRP) program has awarded the Culpeper County Circuit Court Clerk a grant in the amount of \$47,633.50 for local records preservation. The funds will be used to conserve: Birth Register 1864-1879; Death Register 1865-1879; Deed Book C Pt. 2, 1757-1764; Deed Book G, 1773; Deed Book R Pt. 1, 1791-1794; Deed Book R Pt. 2, 1791-1794; Land Causes 1, 1810-1828; Minute Book 17, 1832-1835 stored in the office. They will also be digitized so that they can be made available to the public through the online records management system.

YEAR IN REVIEW

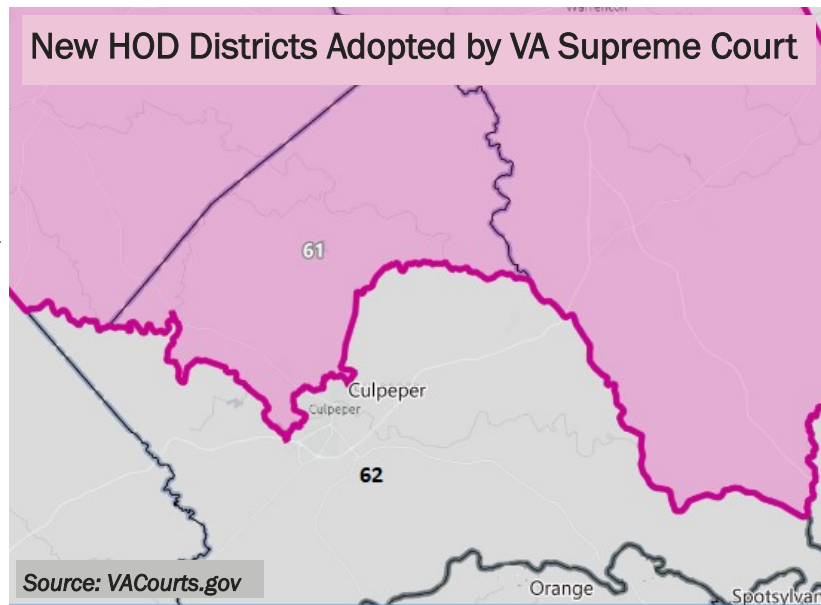
It has been quite the first year in office. Every day I am more humbled by the job and could not be more fortunate to serve the citizens of Culpeper County. I am focused on advancing the office into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to allow easier access for all. From going fileless in civil cases, back scanning more Deeds from 1946 to 1983, online payments for criminal court costs, taking credit cards on all transactions, eRecording, and being awarded a grant from the Circuit Court Records Preservation program, it has been a busy, rewarding, and productive year. I look forward to the year ahead and I hope each and every one of you have a great 2022!



# Redistricting Means Changes for Culpeper's Election Districts

## All Voters Will Receive Notification By Mail This Spring

Each decade, state and local governments are responsible for adjusting district lines to ensure equal representation for all citizens. This process, known as redistricting, is completed using numbers from the most recent U.S. census. With COVID delays, the process is still ongoing as this issue goes to print, but here's what we know so far:



### Why redistrict?

In a 10-year period, a lot can change in a community. According to the 2020 Census, Culpeper County has added almost 6,000 new residents since 2010. Three areas of obvious growth are the High Point neighborhood in town and the areas of North Ridge and Three Flags just outside of town. Statewide, the major population growth areas start in northern Virginia, stretch down through the Richmond suburbs and into Hampton Roads. These population shifts require adjustments to boundary lines to maintain districts that are equal (or close to equal) to one another. In Culpeper, the seven members of the Board of Supervisors must approve seven districts that equally split residents between them (as of this writing, the Board has approved a proposal for a new map, but the process is still ongoing).

### Where are we now?

In December, the Supreme Court of Virginia approved new Statewide maps setting U.S. Congressional, State Senate, and House of Delegate districts. Barring any lawsuits, these maps will be in place until 2031.

The effects on Culpeper are as follows:

- All of Culpeper County will remain in the 7th Congressional District.
- At the House of Delegates level, there will still be two districts, though the line has shifted from the northeast third of the county to the northwest. The numbers for those districts have also changed from the 18th and the 30th to the 61st and 62nd (see map above).

## Richmond Reappointed to Board for Fourth Term

Electoral Board Secretary Clive Richmond was recently reappointed for a fourth term. Richmond, who represents the Republican Party on the Board, has served since 2013.

“We are very happy to have Clive continue on the Board for the next three years,” Director of Elections James Clements said. “No one puts in more miles each Election Day than he does. His service is a great model for Electoral Board members statewide. We’re very lucky to have him.” The Electoral Board is made up of three members, representing the two major political parties, who serve overlapping three year terms. Richmond rejoins Board Chair James Holmes and Vice Chair Tracy Neely, both representing the Democratic Party. Richmond’s new term began January 1, and runs through December 31, 2024.

- The most obvious change to the Culpeper district maps will be in the State Senate. While the previous map had Culpeper split into thirds between the 17th, 24th and 28th Senate Districts, the new map places the entire county into a new 28th.

For more detailed maps, visit our website at <https://www.voteinculpeper.info>.

### Please check your mail

When all changes are finalized, we will be mailing all Culpeper voters a notice including your district information. In the meantime, if you need to update your address, please use our website (link above) to do so.

## CULPEPER COUNTY TREASURER, Missy N. White



Dear Culpeper Citizens,

I hope this issue of the Culpeper Quarterly finds you all well and healthy! I know we are all ready for Spring and some warmer weather! As always, it continues to be my pleasure to serve as your Culpeper County Treasurer. Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you ever need our assistance or have any questions regarding your tax bills.

*~Missy N. White*



I am thrilled to share that the Culpeper County Treasurer's Office received its accreditation from the Treasurer's Association of Virginia in 2021. To my knowledge, this is the first time our office has received this recognition and I am extremely proud of this accomplishment.

As Treasurer, I take very seriously the duties entrusted upon me by the citizens of Culpeper to ensure that tax dollars and revenues collected for the County are handed in a professional and fiscally prudent manner. I have an incredible staff and we strive for excellent customer service, professionalism and accountability to our citizens. This accreditation highlights our dedication to these goals and means that we have met the highest standards of achievement and integrity measured by the Treasurer's Association of Virginia.

### MONTHLY AUTOMATIC DEBIT (ACH) PAYMENT PROGRAM!

We are thrilled to offer Culpeper citizens the opportunity to have monthly payments automatically drafted from your checking account to pay towards your annual tax bill! This program is designed to make paying your taxes easy, convenient and hassle-free. We have had a wonderful response from citizens thus far; please contact our Office at (540) 727-3442 or email [missynwhite@culpepercounty.gov](mailto:missynwhite@culpepercounty.gov) for more information or to obtain an enrollment form.

- There is no charge to participate in this program.
- By enrolling in this program, you are authorizing Culpeper County Treasurer's Office to deduct agreed upon payment(s) from your financial institution on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. These amounts will be applied to any delinquent tax bill first or, if no balance, will be put into a 'prepay' account to be applied to your annual tax bill.

We are very excited to offer this new program as we are continually striving to make our services more convenient and cost effective for our citizens.

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## Commonwealth's Attorney Paul Walther

### Employee Spotlight Jessica 'Jess' Clay



My name is Jessica R. Clay. I was born and raised in Fairfax County, Virginia. I have two grown daughters, a son-in-law and a future son-in-law. I have a three-year old granddaughter, who reigns as the Princess of the family.

I have worked in the legal field for the last 30 years. In 1992, shortly after my first child was born, I took a job as a receptionist with a law firm in Fairfax, Virginia. It was then that I decided to devote my life to the field of law. I diligently worked my way up to a managing paralegal. However, I knew I could go farther.

While juggling a young family and a full-time career, I went back to school. I started at Northern Virginia Community College. Then, I attended George Mason University. It was a ten-year journey, but I finally earned a Bachelor's degree in the field of Criminology in 2003.

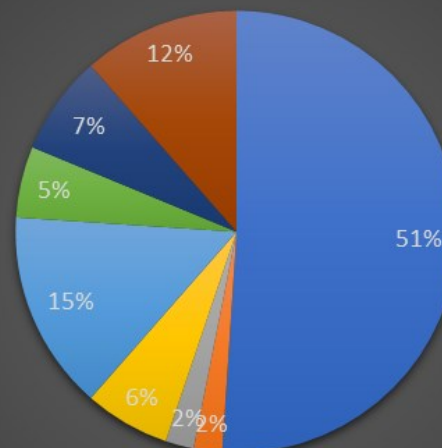
In 2007, I earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

In 2009, I started my own law firm where I practiced in bankruptcy law and criminal defense for the next twelve years.

In 2021, I became an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney with the Culpeper County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office where I hope to continue to serve the legal community for years to come.

"Jess has been an exceptional addition to our office. With her legal background and life experiences, she knows what it takes to get the job done successfully. She is a hard worker and is willing to put in the time and effort to serve the people of Culpeper County." *Paul Walther, Commonwealth's Attorney*

### December Felony Grand Jury



■ Drugs ■ Firearms ■ Sex Crimes ■ Felony Driving  
■ Fraud ■ Larceny ■ Felonious Assaults ■ Miscellaneous

### COVID-19 and the Courthouse: Two Years Later

When COVID-19 first appeared in the late Winter 2019/early Spring 2020, few knew the challenges that our society would face. Even more so, the various Courts of the Commonwealth were not prepared when it came to Courthouse and Courtroom procedures. Shortly after the onset of COVID, the Virginia Supreme Court entered an order declaring a "Judicial Emergency". All courts across the Commonwealth were shut down allowing only necessary/emergency hearings. With each new judicial order, cases were continued again and again. Gradually, the Courts opened to non-emergency hearings and by the Fall of 2020 the daily business of the Courthouse was back up and running, with the exception of jury trials. It was not until the Summer of 2021 that jury trials resumed in Culpeper Circuit Court.

Looking through plexiglass and separated seating, life is getting back to the "new normal" of the Courthouse. Masks and temperature checks are still required when entering the building and masks are kept on while conducting business, except when permitted by the Judge. Numerous times each day witnesses and defendants alike call the Clerk's Office to request a continuance due to a COVID exposure or diagnosis. Inmates are not transported to attend court in person, but rather appear via a secure video link from the jails. Cases are working their way through the court's system slowly, but there is more progress now than at the beginning. There is still a backlog of cases but with each new docket more and more are finalized.

As of date, there have been Thirty-Four Orders entered by the Virginia Supreme Court regarding the Judicial Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A new order was entered every three weeks, each one giving guidance on how the courts were to proceed. The first order took effect March 16, 2020 and since then the orders rarely changed. Some of the safety protocols laid out in these orders included: all individuals entering the court house would need to be screened, a defendant's right to speedy trial have been tolled to allow for any needed continuances and case load back up, and Clerk's Offices are permitted to use electronic filings and signatures.

As the world continues to determine what the "new normal" will look like, so does the Justice System. Finding new ways to help ensure that everyone's rights are maintained and everyone is kept safe. Anyone interested in reading the Judicial Orders can find them on the Virginia Supreme Court Website.

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## Airport Happenings

Spring has finally sprung and we are excited for the warmer days. For some reason, the older I get the more I enjoy the end of the winter months and the beginning of spring. Oh! the sunshine and warmth on your skin, it just feels like a new beginning. Speaking of new beginnings, we are so excited to unveil our new website. This site has lots of Airport information, links to specific forms, info on Airport businesses and of course a link to the Air Fest website. Mark your calendars, our annual Air Fest is coming up on the second Saturday in October.

Go take a look at the new site: [www.culpeperairport.com](http://www.culpeperairport.com).



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